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To
Dear Garrison,

If there is one man more than another that God has called to head off the Anti Slavery Movement in this country, that man is yourself.

If any man has more completely than another identified himself with the Slave, that man is yourself. If any man understands better than another, the weakness & the mistake, the ungodliness & inhumanity of those, who framed the Constitution, so that it ~~charter~~ does shall forever, unless vitally changed, oppress & annihilate ~~so called slaves~~, millions of human beings, that man is yourself.

If any man more than another sees the inconsistency of recognizing the validity of the Compromises, or of voting under a Constitution as though you believed in it, that man is yourself.

If any man has been active in moral measures for overthrowing American Slavery, you have preeminently.

If any man is more ready than another to start up a Government having no oppression

in it, & cherishing the welfare of all human beings, that man is yourself.

If any man more than another is astonished and shocked at the pretensions of the Fremont Party to be a Freedom Party that man is yourself. I can understand how you feel when a Professor in Cambridge or a Speaker in Congress like Herod in the Banquet Hall, talks of exceeding Sorrow & averted eyes in carrying out the bill against John the Baptist, or Anthony the Orthodox.

And for you to do more than you are doing for the Slave, for you to step down & vote as a party man for Fremont would seem ridiculous. And yet I have been thinking whether you could not vote for Fremont, not as a believer in him - not as a believer in the U. S. Constitution - not as a member of the Republican Party, but ~~as a man~~ from purely Christian Motives - from the desire to prevent a greater evil, ~~than~~ & to obtain a State of things more congenial for carrying forward the purely Anti Slavery Enterprise?

Yrs truly W. G. Babcock.